

--- “Series of 1880-81” - TOBACCO - Division Open - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/4th pound - lithographed in RED ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 238 x 20 mm. ---

John McKay records that 723,920 *lithographed* copies of 1/4 “Red Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the Division Open and the Division Specific stamps.

McKay further records that 488,675 *lithographed* copies of 1/4 lb. “Red Ribbon Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) This second section was reserved for *obsolete* BABN production ‘Delivered’ to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all red warehousing strips had been declared *obsolete*.

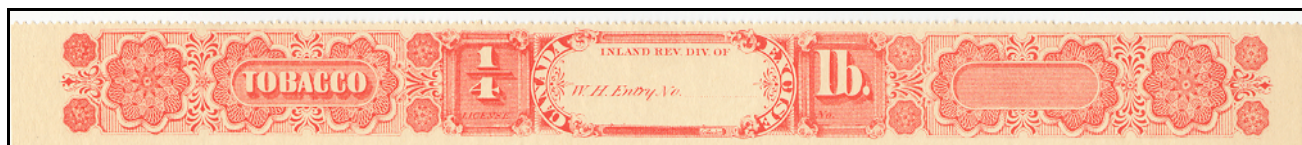
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	723,920
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	488,675
	1,212,595

The final ‘upper-limit’ control number on the one-quarter pound red TOBACCO strips - as collected to date

Division Open	012062
Hamilton Division	630363
Montreal Division	090166
Montreal Division - M 32	042829
Quebec Division	010908
Quebec Division - N 32	040920
Toronto Division - C 32	035664
Windsor Division	280336
	1,143,248

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, red, Division Open, TOBACCO warehousing strip as follows:

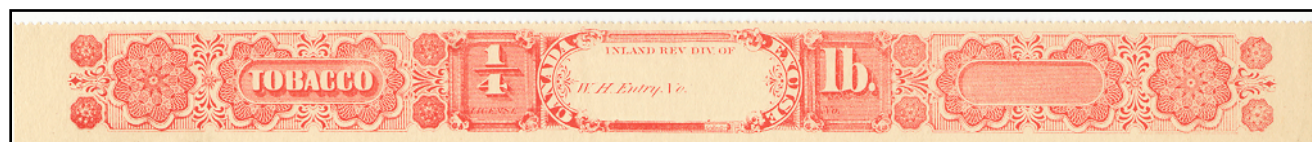
RP-160 - 1/4th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-160a - the cracked plate variety, with a vertical scratch through **lb**



RP-160n - 1/4th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - *three copies, plus a plate of twelve*



RP-160n - 1/4th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters - a suspect strip



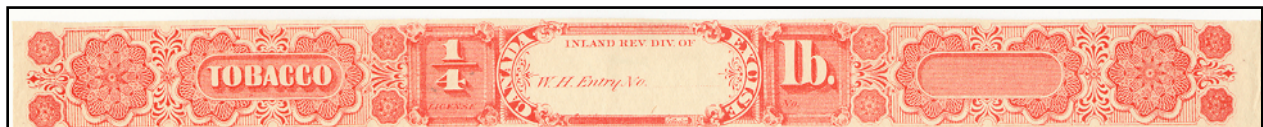
RP-160an - 1/4th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
A bottom copy “cracked plate variety” with a vertical scratch through the abbreviation **lb**



RP-160 - 1/4th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **000153**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

000012	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000047	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000052	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000074	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000081	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000085	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000153★	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000215	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000153	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000276	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000278	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000287	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012011	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012020★	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012030	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012034	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012036	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012040	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012044	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012057	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
012062	RP-160	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.



1/4th pound, red, *imperforate*, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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